



ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

June 23, 2021

The Honorable Anna Eshoo  
Chairwoman of the Health Subcommittee  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
272 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Ranking Member of the Health Subcommittee  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2434 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Eshoo and Ranking Member Guthrie,

On behalf of The Root Cause Coalition (TRCC), we write in support of your continuing work to better understand the impacts of economic and social conditions on health during the subcommittee's upcoming hearing "Empowered by Data: Legislation to Advance Equity and Public Health" scheduled for June 24th, 2021. This hearing is a valuable opportunity to discuss the importance of social determinants and public health data, especially in light of the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the bills scheduled to be discussed, TRCC offers its endorsement of the following:

*H.R. 379 - Improving Social Determinants of Health Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. Nanette Barragan [D-CA]*

*H.R. 925 - Data to Save Moms Act, sponsored by Rep. Sharice Davids [D-KS]*

*H.R. 943 - Social Determinants for Moms Act, sponsored by Rep. Lucy McBath [D-GA]*

*H.R. 2503 - Social Determinants Accelerator Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. Cheri Bustos [D-IL]*

TRCC's advisory Council is also presently reviewing the following bills for potential endorsement in the near future:

*H.R. 666 - Anti-Racism in Public Health Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. Ayanna Pressley [D-MA]*

*H.R. 831 - Health STATISTICS Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. Scott Peters [D-CA]*

*H.R. 3894 - CARING for Social Determinants of Health Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester [D-DE]*

*H.R. 976 - ETHIC Act, sponsored by Rep. Kathy Castor [D-FL]*

By way of background, TRCC is a non-profit, national organization with over 90 members representing a wide variety of sectors including health systems, hospital associations, foundations, businesses, national and community nonprofits, health insurers, academic institutions and policy centers. Our organization was established in 2015 to bring together these cross-sector partners to reverse and end the systemic root causes of health inequities by addressing the social determinants of health.

As a Coalition, we appreciate your leadership and your continued attention to health and economic inequalities. We stand ready to support your efforts towards our mutual goals of achieving health equity for every American. Sincerely,

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The Root Cause Coalition

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The Root Cause Coalition